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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hess, Christopher J.
Serial Number: 10/816,024
Filed: 04/01/2004
For: Vessel Harvesting Retractor with
Bilateral Electrosurgical Ligation

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Examiner: Bui, VY Q.
Group Art Unit: 3773
Conf. No. 9323
Dated: December 2, 2008
Docket No. ETH-1541

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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Attn: Mail Stop

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The requested extension is for five (5) months, from July 13, 2008 to December 13, 2008.

The fee for the extension of time is two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars (\$2350.00) and is paid as follows:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04 0170.

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